



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, Cothill Rd, Booval † Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview  
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview



## ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED FOR MASS

Fr Thomas will continue to celebrate our regular weekly Masses without a congregation as well as Sunday Mass

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## PRIVATE PRAYER SACRED HEART CHURCH

Monday 1 June - 10am-12pm

Wednesday 3 June - 12.30pm-2.30pm

Friday 5 June - 10am-12pm

Please enter by the side door  
to the right of the church

## PENTECOST SUNDAY 31st May 2020



### Gospel Reflection

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

### Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

### Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

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**Sacred Heart Church** will be open for private prayer on the following days  
**Monday 1st June 10am-12pm,**  
**Wednesday 3rd June 12.30pm-2.30pm and Friday 5th June 10am—12pm.** Please observe the following: \* No more than 10 people in the Church at any one time (keeping at least 1.5m apart) \* You will be asked to provide your name and phone number so we can contact people in case someone contracts the virus [This information will be destroyed after 28 days] \* Please use the hand sanitiser provided before entering and leaving the church. Thank you.



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*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)*



To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love, and mercy.

**Pentecost Sunday - A**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilize them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.



**SUNDAY READINGS at Home** contains the readings with associated commentaries and prayers. Families can gather together, pray the opening prayer, read the Scriptures aloud together, discuss the commentaries and finish with the concluding prayer.

**Family Prayer** is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, family activities and a worksheet for children.

These resources can be found on our parish website - <http://www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au>

**REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL - Booval-Riverview Conference** for the four months ended 30th April 2020. Our members attended 269 home visits comprising some 359 adults and 225 children with food vouchers amounting to \$9,967 and in kind assistance of \$6988 totalling some\$16,955.



**"Kind Deeds Change Lives"**  
**"Life is Good - Live to Give"**



**BLAZE BOOVAL** - As part of our effort to stay in touch we have begun a Blaze Instagram page – blazeyouthbooval – which you are welcome to follow.

**PARISH FACEBOOK**  
 If you have a Facebook page and are friends with parishioners please encourage them to follow us on Facebook  
[Booval Catholic Parish](#)



**SUNDAY MASS FOR UP TO 20 PEOPLE** will be allowed from **Sunday 14th June**. We will be having only two Masses during stage two - **Booval 9.00am and Riverview 11.00am**. If you would like to attend one of these Masses we will be taking bookings either by phone **3282 1888** or email: [booval@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:booval@bne.catholic.net.au) The health and safety of our parishioners is very important to us so we would ask that you observe the following \* You will be asked to provide your name and phone number so we can contact people in case someone contracts the virus [This information will be destroyed after 28 days] \* Please use the hand sanitiser provided before entering and leaving the church \* Keeping a safe distance (1.5m from one another unless you live in the same household). Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

## Spirit Prayer

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of wisdom that we may always respond in faith to whatever you ask of us.

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of understanding that we may know the meaning of your Word and live our lives according to it.

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of courage to make the right decisions in our lives in good times and in difficult times.

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of holiness that we may grow in love and appreciation of your Word and always have love and compassion for our families and all people who come into our lives.

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of knowledge to help us understand the meaning of life with others and the world around us.

Spirit of God, grant us the gift of ability to choose correctly when making decisions about the way we live as true Christians.

Spirit of God grant us the gift of reverence and respect for your name so that we may always respond in prayer and action to your presence in our lives.



**WATCH MASS online** - Join the Archdiocese of Brisbane online for Mass broadcast live from St Stephen's Cathedral 12.30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sunday at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw). You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.

**MASS ON TELEVISION** - Sunday at 6am on Channel 10.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

## Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

Small Blessings  
[smallblessings.com.au](http://smallblessings.com.au)



A very big thank you to all those wonderful parishioners who have over the last few weeks taken the time to drop into the Parish Centre to hand in their Planned Giving envelopes and Project Compassion donations. If you still have any donations for Project Compassion it is not too late to hand them in at the office. Thank you also to all those who contribute to our Planned Giving either by Direct Debit or Credit Card.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** Mary Rogers, Brian Morgan.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER:** Brian Meara, Kirtley & Dolan families, Bob Cole, Dorothy Walsh, Donna Gabriel, Tracie Files, Noela Shute, Rita Vanderbyl, Tom Brown, Roland Millington, Bernie Kinnane, Chris Garton, Ken Adkins, Frank Van Gestel, Lorraine Murphy, David Samson, Brian McCarthy, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Bob, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas.

**LET US PRAY** for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Dolores Morgan, Desolie King, Graeme Peters, Trish Rowlands, Joyce Samson, Joy Gallagher, Marianne Steentsma, Rae Clark, Jill Wright, 2 Special Intentions, Kath Cole, Eileen Adkins, Erin, Eileen Galligan, Benjamin Palmer (Chris Garton's Grandson), Shannon Spencer, Thomas Manoj, Donna Brown, Hannah Smith, Fran Johnson, Julia Telford, Sophie Leonard, David Stewart, Anthony Eden, Concetta Tiberi, Darcy Watt, Lisa Lynch, Madge McLennan, Karen Purdie.

**We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.**

**We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.**

**(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove the name of your friend or loved one from our Parish Prayer List)**

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES

**31 May - 6 June**

Eileen (Nell) Baker, Thomas Boyle, Marie Cochrane, Maud Churchett, Michael Daley, Jennifer Davallasca, Denis Davies, Keith Dolan, Henry Hollworth, Mary McKeaten Amelia Martin, Ray Whiteside, Joseph Aleksic, John (Jack) Bourke, Sydney Gabriel, John Kennedy, Major Maude, Thomas Ruddy, Morgan Howe, Betty Schofield, Georgie Conway, Monica Hanson, Albert Newsome, Austin O'Connor, Jesse Stream, Jack Thompson, Karen Donaldson, Reginald Ford, Cliff Kingston, Cecil Litfin, Veronica Walsh, Kathleen Kropp, Michael Luck, Andrew McKeand.



# Children's Page

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

⊖ = A	⊕ = H	* = R
⊣ = D	∩ = I	≡ = S
∇ = E	∪ = L	⊖ = T
U = F	∩ = N	∠ = U
⊖ = G	⊖ = O	↘ = W

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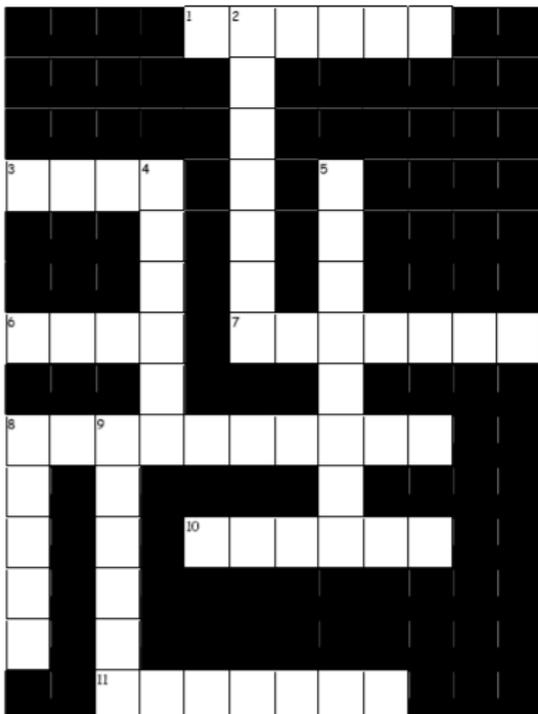
Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - It could even be yourself!



## CROSSWORD

The disciples received the Holy Spirit

Jn 20:19-23



### Across

- 1: frightened or scared
- 3: bad deeds
- 6: it has fingers and a thumb
- 7: the time of day between afternoon and night
- 8: Jesus breathed the \_\_\_\_\_ on his disciples
- 10: another word for centre
- 11: the opposite of give

### Down

- 2: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you \_\_\_\_\_ anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'
- 4: the day after Saturday
- 5: to have come into sight
- 8: glad
- 9: someone who leads